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| In re Application of:                        | Patent Examiner: Slawski, Brian R. |
| Hachiya Takeuchi et al.                      | Group Art Unit: 1791               |
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| For: BONDING APPARATUS AND<br>BONDING METHOD | October 21, 2009                   |
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of July 22, 2009, please amend the above identified application as follows: